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Applicant : HANS BUTTERFASS ET AL.  
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MACHINE, SHEET-SMOOTHING METHOD AND DEVICE

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

U.S. Patent No. 4,119,309 (Mayer et al.), dated October 10, 1978;

U.S. Patent No. 4,505,695 (Billings), dated March 19, 1985;

U.S. Patent No. 5,191,379 (Manzer et al.), dated March 2, 1993, and corresponding German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 38 08 477 A1 (Manzer et al.), dated September 28, 1989;

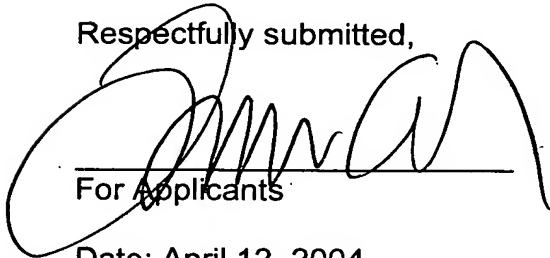
German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 100 11 186 A1 (Reinsch et al.), dated September 13, 2001, and English abstract thereof;

German Published Prosecuted Patent Application DE 1 112 540 (Büttner), dated August 10, 1961, Arched Feeding Table for Automatic Sheet Feeding Device and Printing and Paper Processing Machines;

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Respectfully submitted,

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